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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AT&T Communications of California, Inc.
(U 5002 C), TCG Los Angeles, Inc. (U 5462 C),
TCG San Diego (U 5389 C) and TCG San
Francisco (U 5454C),

Complainants,

vs.

Verizon California Inc. (U 1002 C),

Defendant.

Case 04-08-026
(Filed August 19, 2004)

Telescape Communications, Inc. (U 6589 C),
Wholesale Airtime, Inc. (U 5751 C), and Blue Casa
Communications, LLC (U 6764 C),

Complainants,

vs.

Verizon California, Inc. (U 1002 C),

Defendant.

Case 04-09-001
(Filed September 1, 2004)

ACN Communication Services, Inc. (U 6342 C),
Covad Communications Co. (U 5752 C), and
Vycera Communications, Inc. (U 5477),

Complainants,

vs.

Verizon California Inc. (U 1002 C),

Defendant.

Case 04-09-010
(Filed September 7, 2004)

INTERIM ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d) provides that adjudicatory cases shall be resolved within 12 months of initiation unless the Commission makes findings why that deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending that deadline. In this proceeding, the 12-month deadline for resolving this matter is August 18, 2005.

The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued her presiding officer's decision on May 5, 2005. Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(a) and Rule 8.2(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Verizon California Inc. has filed a timely appeal. We anticipate that the modified presiding officer's decision will be presented to the Commission within the 12-month statutory deadline for resolving complaint cases. However, this order extending the statutory deadline may be necessary in order for the Commission to have sufficient time to consider the appeal, deliberate the matter, and issue its decision. Should the Commission's deliberation result in anything other than a resolution of the proceeding, the Commission will provide further notice and direction to the parties by order, ruling, or other appropriate means.

Therefore, good cause appearing, we extend the deadline for resolving this case until further order.

Under Rule 77.7(f)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of draft decisions that extend the deadline for resolution of adjudicatory proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 77.7(f)(4), the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

Assignment of Proceeding

Geoffrey F. Brown is the Assigned Commissioner and Janet A. Econome is the assigned ALJ.

Findings of Fact

1. Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), the current deadline for resolving this case is August 18, 2005.
2. The ALJ issued her draft decision on May 5, 2005. Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(a) and Rule 8.2(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, defendant Verizon California Inc. filed a timely appeal.
3. The modified presiding officer's decision likely will be presented to the Commission within the 12-month statutory deadline for resolving complaint cases.
4. This order extending the statutory deadline may be necessary in order for the Commission to have sufficient time to consider the appeal, deliberate the matter, and issue its decision.

Conclusions of Law

1. The current deadline for resolution of this proceeding, imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), should be extended until further order.
2. Today's order should be effective immediately.

IT IS ORDERED that the current deadline for resolution of this proceeding, imposed by Pub. Util. Code § 1701.2(d), is extended until further order.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.